

# American Medical Association

Physicians dedicated to the health of America



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 24, 2003

## **AMA APPLAUDS FDA ACTION ON INTERNET PRESCRIBING**

Statement attributable to:

Yank D. Coble, Jr., MD  
AMA President

"The AMA applauds the warning to an Internet prescription service by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA warned Rx Depot that they consider the firm's operation illegal and a risk to public health.

"The AMA remains vigorously opposed to the illegal sale of prescription drugs via the Internet. We commend the FDA for taking action on this issue to protect public health and safety.

"Because imported prescription drugs are not regulated or approved by the FDA, the quality is unknown. There are no guarantees that the patient is even receiving the drug they ordered. There are serious concerns about the lack of physician advice and oversight as well as inadequate instructions for use of these products."

**For more information, please contact:**

**Brenda L. Craine  
Director, Washington Media Relations  
202/789-7447**